GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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LEGISLATION FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to enact any legislation to safeguard the interest of medical practitioners, holding integrated degrees/diplomas (under the Ancient and Modern System of Medicines) awarded by the Centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by when a new legislation is likely to be enacted for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) A person enrolled on the State Register of Indian medicine or Central Register of Indian Medicine can practice Indian Medicine. However, according to the Supreme Court Order dated 13.9.1998 in the case of Sh Mukhtiar Chand and others Vs. State of Punjab, Medical Practitioners of Indian Medicine holding a degree in an integrated course, recognised by any State Act as being sufficient for registration in the State Medical Register will not be affected by the prohibitions contained in Section 15(2) (b) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956. However, the position prevailing in different States is being collected.